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WOLBACH RECEIVES NEW SIREN

Lincoln, Neb., July 9--The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded on July 2nd, \$13,300 in grant funds to the Village of Wolbach. The USDA grant funds, in conjunction with \$4,505 furnished by the Village, will provide the financing needed for a new emergency warning system for the community of 287 rural residents.

Jolene Kasper, rural development specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development stated, "The USDA Rural Development grant will assist the Village in replacing its original early warning system that dates back 65-70 years. The system is no longer operable and has been repaired repeatedly in past years and today is beyond repair."

The Village will pay for the removal and disposal of the old siren that is located on top of the windmill tower in the center of Wolbach. USDA dollars will assist in the installation of the new rotating Federal DC2001 siren that will be heard for up to 5,600 feet from atop the windmill. The new siren will allow the Village to provide an advance warning system for adverse weather conditions and emergencies. This project was coordinated between the Village and the Wolbach Fire Department, both having siren activation privileges.

USDA Rural Development is a credit arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture serving the needs of rural communities unable to secure acceptable credit elsewhere, to help them finance needed facilities. In some cases, USDA Rural Development guarantees repayment of loans made by private lenders.

The grant funds were provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program. For additional information contact Jolene Kasper at 1909 Vicki Lane Suite 103 Norfolk, NE 68701 or phone (402) 371-5350. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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